

EXERCISE 6B

Circle the letter of the sentence in which the word in bold-faced type is used incorrectly.

1. a. Only a **megalomaniac** would build a fifty-room mansion in the middle of the desert.
b. Her **megalomania** became so acute that she dieted until she weighed only ninety pounds.
c. Hitler's **megalomania** was intensified by his popular success.
d. Could **megalomania** result from trying to overcome deep-seated feelings of inferiority?
2. a. Although his brothers had once sold him into slavery, Joseph **magnanimously** forgave them.
b. Her **magnanimous** criticism wounded him deeply.
c. Lincoln urged the North to show **magnanimity** to the defeated South, "with malice toward none and charity toward all."
d. My parents **magnanimously** let me borrow their new car, despite the dents I had put in the old one.
3. a. Physicists believe the **macrocosm** to be expanding rapidly.
b. To understand global weather patterns, meteorologists must consider the earth as a **macrocosm**, with all nations interdependent.
c. Any neighborhood can serve as a **macrocosm** for the society as a whole.
d. The laws of science are thought to be **macrocosmic** in their application; we expect light to travel at the same speed in any galaxy.
4. a. The **magnitude** of earthquakes is measured on the Richter scale, with a 1 representing a minor rumble and anything over 7 a major disaster.
b. We greatly appreciate your **magnitude** in making this generous donation.
c. The Nobel Prize in literature goes to a writer who has created works of the highest **magnitude**.
d. The twenty brightest stars are classified as being "of the first **magnitude**."

EXERCISE 6C

Fill in each blank with the most appropriate word from Lesson 6. Use a word or any of its forms only once.

1. At its height the empire of William Randolph Hearst, the newspaper _____, included more than 100 publications.
2. In some _____ societies the greater the number of wives, the greater is a man's social status.

3. A _____ can have as few as three sides or as many as can be calculated.
4. Drink _____ amounts of water when you have a fever.
5. Modern science has led us to see the _____ as a vast interrelated system of forces.
6. Their _____ drove them to buy a limousine, though they could not even afford repairs or gasoline, much less a chauffeur.
7. The new prime minister _____ly appointed her political opponents to join in the new administration.